

# Information on the Honors Program at Clayton State University for students entering with fewer than 30 hours of course credit

The Clayton State University Honors Program creates opportunities for students to get a step ahead in developing their academic and leadership skills. Involvement in the Honors program offers students unique opportunities to make the most of their college experience. To fulfill its purposes, the Honors Program has academic requirements and service requirements.

## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

### Objectives of the Academic Part of the Program

- 1) To connect students with professors who can assist them in developing learning skills and academic interests. (contract course opportunity)
- 2) To connect the best and brightest students from different majors on campus to form an academic community within the Honors Program. (seminar requirement)

Those who enter the Program with fewer than 30 hours of course credit enter into the **University Honors Program** (students who enter with 30 or more hours of course credit enter into the **College Honors Program**). University Honors Program students must gain **18 hours** of honors course credit (see table below).

The following is the **required** course sequence for those who enter the program with fewer than 30 hours of course credit.\* **Only the Honors versions of these courses will count toward credit in the Honors Program.** If you have already taken the non-Honors version of any of these courses, you will still need to take the Honors version. The Honors version of the course would in that case appear on your transcript as an upper division elective.

Year	Fall	Spring
Year One	HIST 1111: Survey of Premodern World History (Area E2)	PHIL 2010: Introduction to Philosophy (Area C1)
Year Two	Seminar 1: CRIT 1101 Critical Thinking (Area B1)	Seminar 2: HUMN 2111 (Area C2)
	In addition to the 12 hours of credit listed on this table, University Honors students are required to take an additional 6 hours of Honors course credit. Most often, this is accomplished via Honors Course Contracts (see below).	

Honors Course Contracts are ways of gaining Honors credit in upper-level courses. The student and the instructor negotiate a contract to transform a regular course into an Honors course. Students and instructors should work together to develop meaningful activities that enhance a course rather than just create extra work. Examples of contract assignments include the following:

- Allowing a student to take a unique or interdisciplinary approach in an assigned research paper.
- Combining several small assignments into one larger, more in-depth assignment.
- Allowing a student to lead a class session on an assigned topic.

Students obtain three units of Honors credit for fulfilling an Honors contract in a three credit hour course.

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\* If you cannot take these courses in this sequence, an alternative sequence may be arranged at the discretion of the Director of the Honors Program.

## **SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Objectives of the Service Part of the Program**

1. To develop the habit of looking for ways to “give back” to those who have made opportunities for our education available.
2. To make Clayton State University a more vibrant place with strong student involvement and leadership.

All Honors Students, in order to remain members of the Program, must amass 12 service points each Fall and Spring semester. The Honors Student Association provides numerous opportunities for volunteer work each semester. Service points may also be obtained by attending lectures on campus and, with the approval of the Honors Director, other campus events. To check on your service point total, log into the [D2L](#) Honors page (you will have access to this page on [D2L](#) upon admission to the Program). Here you will also find various Honors Program forms (e.g., service point and course contract forms). This usually translates into 3 hours of service per month each semester.

## **HONORS PROGRAM PROBATION**

### **Academic Probation**

Honors students must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA to remain in good standing with the Honors Program. When an honors student's GPA falls below a 3.0, then he or she will be placed on Academic Probation. If their GPA is not brought up to a 3.0 by the end of the following semester, they will be dismissed from the Honors Program. If an Honors student's GPA falls below a 2.0, they immediately lose their scholarship and may be dismissed from the Honors Program

### **Activity Probation**

As mentioned above, Honors students must earn 12 service points each semester to remain in good standing with the Honors Program. If they fail to earn the required points they will be placed on Activity Probation. If they do not meet the service requirements again the following semester, then they will be dismissed from the Honors Program.

## HONORS PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### Benefits

The benefits for students in the Honors Program include the following advantages:

- Enhanced course sections reserved for Honors students
- Early registration
- Study Abroad opportunities designed for Honors students
- Honors seal on diploma and recognition at commencement
- Guaranteed admission into the highly competitive upper division nursing/dental hygiene programs for pre-nursing and pre-dental hygiene majors meeting minimum criteria
- Campus and community leadership opportunities

### Scholarships

Students applying to Clayton State University as first-time traditional Freshmen are encouraged to submit an application for [Clayton State University's Presidential Scholarship Program](#).

Established in 2010, Clayton State University's Presidential Scholars receive special recognition and additional financial resources as a result of their superior high school academic achievement and their commitment to continued progress through higher education. To be considered for the competitive Presidential Scholars program, prospective students must:

- [Apply for admission to Clayton State University](#) as first-time traditional freshmen
- Submit an additional application (including an essay) and meet Honors Program eligibility qualifications.
- Attend **mandatory** formal interviews (if selected as a finalist)

For complete Presidential Scholarship Program details, please visit the [Program Webpage](#).

## APPLICANTS

### Eligibility

The University Honors Programs accepts students who have fewer than 30 hours of college credit. The minimum admission requirements are a 3.5 high school GPA, an 1100 SAT (math and critical reading sections) or 24 ACT composite score.

### How to Apply

The Honors Program application may be found here: <http://www.clayton.edu/honorsprogram/Apply>

### Contact

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